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Applicant : R. A. Johnson, et al.
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REPLY AND AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.111 AND 1.115

Sir:

This is a response to the Examiner's first action of 18 March 1981 (Paper No. 3).

In the Claims:

Please cancel claim 6 and substitute therefor claim 6 (amended), attached hereto.

In the Specification:

Page 3, line 30, after "mixture", please insert -- of --.

Page 4, line 12, after "solution", please insert -- of --.

Page 4, line 21, after "solution", please insert -- of --.

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The claims in the case are 1-5 and 6 (amended).

These claims stand rejected under 35 USC 112 in that:

(a) the transitional phrase "consisting essentially of" allegedly renders claims 1-5 indefinite, and

(b) the amount of the active ingredient in claim 6 and the specific intended use of the composition is not recited.

Claims 1-6 are further rejected under 35 USC 103 on two grounds:

(a) "double patenting" over the count of Interference 100,116 and

(b) double patenting over the claims of applicants' co-pending parent application, S.N. 819,940.

Applicants respectfully request entry of the above amendments to the specification correcting an obvious and inadvertent typographical omission from the Examples. The amendments improve the readability of the Examples and introduce no new subject matter.

Applicants further respectfully request entry of amended claim 6, which likewise introduces no new subject matter, but merely limits claim 6 in the manner required by the Examiner to satisfy the require-